

# Texas Post-1945 Bridges

## New Braunfels Public Open House



***Devils River Bridge (1965)***

G.P. Brown and Amos Humphrey, two Texas Highway Department engineers, designed this rare steel plate girder bridge with cantilevered, suspended spans. For their work on this Val Verde County bridge, Brown and Humphrey won an American Institute of Steel Construction's top "Prize Bridge" award in 1965. Award judges noted the structure's graceful design showed "great thought, economy, and restraint." Additionally, this is the first bridge in Texas to use a new construction technique called a continuous pour method.

**Emmie Seele Faust Memorial  
Library at the Sophienburg  
Museum and Archives**

***July 29, 2014 from 4 to 6 p.m.***

If you are in the San Antonio area, please join the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Historic Bridge Foundation for a public open house July 29, 2014 from 4 to 6 p.m. We will showcase mid-20th century bridges located throughout the state, and we want your feedback on historic bridges in Texas.

The workshop will be held in the Emmie Seele Faust Memorial Library at the Sophienburg Museum and Archives (401 West Coll Street, New Braunfels, Texas

78130). The Sophienburg Museum and Archives offers a window into the history of German settlement in New Braunfels and Comal County. Take a step back in time with historic photographs, maps, local artifacts, and much more. The Emmie Seele Faust Library, which served as the city's first public library from 1938 to 1967, is located on the museum grounds. Arrive early to tour the Sophienburg Museum and Archives or grab an afternoon treat at nearby Naegelin's Bakery, the oldest continuously operating bakery in Texas.

Learn more about the Sophienburg Museum and Archives here: [www.sophienburg.com](http://www.sophienburg.com). For more information on the workshop, please contact TxDOT's consultant, Maryellen Russo, at 512.264.1095 or [mrusso@blantonassociates.com](mailto:mrusso@blantonassociates.com).